Are You Ready?

Ken Chapman · Matthew 25:1–13

INTRODUCTION

- In a lot of ways, that illustrates what is to be the Christian's attitude toward the second coming of Christ.
- All of the three parables of Matthew chapter 25 have to do with this subject about being getting and staying ready for his return.
- Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

1 To Be Ready, We Have to Get Ready

Matthew 26:40–41; Ephesians 6:18; Ecclesiastes 12:1

- The first point is if we're to be ready when He comes, we have to get ready. There has to be some preparation beforehand.
- Watch and pray. Lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- It seems to me the idea of watch means to be watchful, to be alert.
- Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end.
- And so we need to prepare for the bad days in the good days.
- Remember now your creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come. What's he saying? Prepare now for darker days ahead.

2 We Need to Stay Prepared

Philippians 3:12–14; 2 Peter 3:18

- If we're to be ready at his coming, we not only need to get prepared, but we need to stay prepared.
- They were ready, but then they got to the point where they weren't anymore.
- But the challenge for many of us now is staying ready. Because like these ladies, we slumbered and slept.
- Forgetting the things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press. Press on. Keep going.
- Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Pray that our sins are forgiven. Pray that God will be with us at that moment. Pray that he will help us to grow and to press on until that moment.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you have your lamps all trimmed and bright? Do you have enough oil in your reserve that you can press on?

MY NOTES